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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN INVITATION TO UNESCO EX/BD TO HOLD 94TH
SESSION IN SOFIA

1. EXTRA \$5000 EXPENSES FOR HOLDING ONE WEEK MEETING OF
UNESCO'S 94TH EXBD IN SOFIA WAS ROUGH ESTIMATE OF EXTRA
EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED FOR TRAVEL SUPPORT OF
UNESCO PERSONNEL AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES NOT
INCLUDED IN BULGARIAN INVITATION; NAMELY SOUND TECHNICIANS
TRAVEL, EXTRA TRAVEL BEFORE CHARTER FLIGHT OF EXBD SECRETARY
TO SOFIA BEFORE BOARD ACTUALLY SCHEDULED CONVENE, SHIPMENT OF
EQUIPMENT, EXTRA MAIL HANDLING AND DOCUMENTATION COSTS,
ETC. IF BULGARIANS OFFER ALL STAFF AS WELL AS BOARD AND
SECRETARIAT OFFICERS PER DIEM AND HOTEL EXPENSES, UNESCO
ESTIMATES TOTAL EXTRA COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$3700.

2. DURING DEBATE US MEMBER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE POINT
CLEAR RE PRACTICE OF UN SYSTEM REGARDING MEETINGS AWAY FROM
HEADQUARTERS.

3. NEGATIVE VOTE ON INVITATION WOULDHAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT
ON US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AT UNESCO AND ON EFFORTS OBTAIN
COOPERATION WITH EE BLOC IN GENERAL. US WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
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BE ONLY NEGATIVE VOTE. INVIEW SMALL SUM INVOLVED AND FACT US

ACCEPTED PREVIOUS MEETING IN SPAIN AT ROUGHLY SAME COST,
NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD CERTAINLY BE MISINTERPRETED. STRONGLY
RECOMMEND US VOTE IN FAVOR. IRWIN

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